

HERE ARE 22 SEPARATE AND DISTINCT REASONS FOR PICKING GIANTS TO WIN THE PENNANT

CHICAGO WHITE SOX AND GIANTS IN 1917 WORLD'S SERIES, ACCORDING TO WELL-KNOWN "GRANDOLDPOE"

Our Own Private Crystal Gazer Has Little Faith in the Power of Red Stockings and Dodgers to Repeat Triumphs of Last Season

ONLY ten days remain for delving into what our very best sporting writers delight to call the "grandoldpoes." The words are not run together that way, to make it harder or to save space—nothing like it. The idea is simply to confuse the reader so that, in the event of the stuff being all wrong, the trusting one will conclude that the whole thing was a masterly satire and the writer a wonderful humorist.

Somewhat we feel that the American League pennant will fly from a western flagpole. This has not been revealed to us in a state of trance or anything of the kind, but it looks like a fairly good slice of the "grandoldpoes." It is customary to make the champions of the year before the favorites, but this year it just isn't being done.

JACK BARRY is a live wire. He is smart and he has been tutored by two of the greatest managers of all times, Connie Mack and Carrigan; but it's a ten to one shot that he will fall to fill the latter's shoes.

Chicago White Sox Have That Pennant Look

THE Chicago White Stockings look like the one best bet in Ban Johnson's league. This conclusion is not reached as the result of a long period of crystal gazing, but is offered because the Sox appear to possess every requisite of a championship club. They looked like pennant winners in 1914 and 1915, but they were handicapped by a manager inexperienced in big league ways.

THE Yankees made a great fight in 1916 and they should show up even better in 1917. Accidents swept almost the entire team away to the hospital last summer, and unless the jinx is out to repeat they will be there or thereabouts from bell to bell. There should be a place in the first division for the St. Louis Browns unless they become so absorbed in the Riecky controversy that they forget all else.

There Are Two "If" Clubs in the American League

WILL Guy Morton's arm come back to form? Will Joe Wood's wing be kinked? Will Tris Speaker club anywhere near his 1916 mark? If you can answer these questions you can dope the Cleveland Indians. The success or failure of the club depends on what these three men do.

Now of our own Athletics. It is difficult to place them with such a mob of optimistic scribes sojourning in the South. Last year Connie's team was a rank outsider and a fair subject for baseball humorists near and far. Mr. Mack spoke right up and told the populace that he was experimenting, a tip which was superfluous, for an examination of one or two box scores in which the Athletics figured was sufficient evidence that something unusual was taking place.

PHILADELPHIA fans have great faith in Connie Mack and believe that some day he will give them another pennant-winning machine.

The Spotlight on the National League

WE ARE not picking the Giants to win because we like the way John McGraw cuts his hair. As a matter of fact, there are twenty-two perfectly good reasons why the New York club should annex the National League gonfalon. We will mention six or ten right off; the others are Zimmerman, Herzog, Fletcher, Kauff, Robertson, Burns, Schupp, Tesreau, Perritt, Holke—but why continue? The Giants have the class and that's all there is to it.

At this writing, the two teams McGraw has most to fear are the Phillies and Braves. Moran's chances have been reviewed recently in this column and we see no reason for reversing the dope. The Phils are more powerful than they were last year, when they battled the Dodgers down the stretch only to succumb at the end because of an unfortunate injury to Bancroft.

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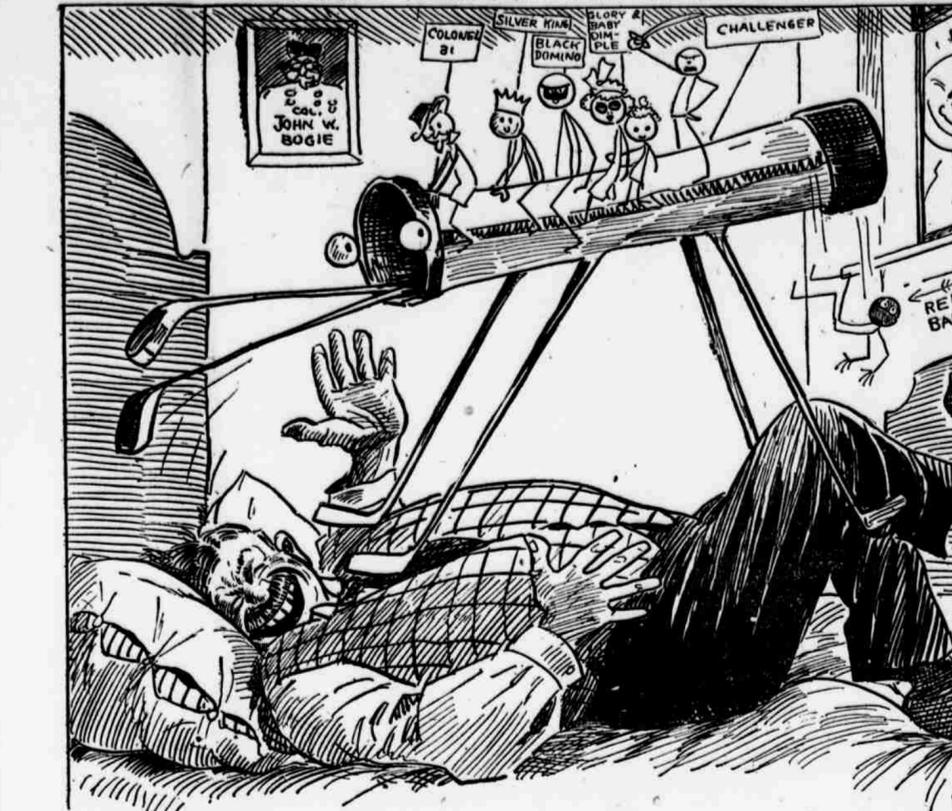
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THE GOLF GERM AND THE UNFORTUNATE VICTIM



SYRACUSE ENTERS TWO-MILE RELAY

Looks Like Best Team Against Yale in the Penn Games

GREAT RACE EXPECTED

Coach Tom Keane, of Syracuse University, stated today that Syracuse would run a team in the two-mile championship at the Penn relay next month and in the distance medley relay. Syracuse will have a very good two-mile team, as in Peterson and Newkirk Coach Keane has two fast half-milers.

M'MAHON TO SHOOT FOR TITLE AT MAPLEWOOD, N. H.

LAKEWOOD, N. J., March 31.—With 99 targets broken out of his quota of 100, Daniel P. McMahon, of New York, won the "Maplewood 100," the feature event of the Laurel House Gun Club's first annual spring trapshooting tourney.

FOWNES AND HAGEN GOLF WINNERS AFTER PLAY-OFF

PINEHURST, N. C., March 31.—William C. Fownes, Jr., of Pittsburgh, and Walter Hagen, of Rochester, captured first honors in the annual amateur-professional match after a selected nine-hole play-off of a tie at 133 with W. M. Paul, the champion of the Carolinas, and Tom Kerrigan, the Siwanoy "pro."

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YOUR UNCLE WILBERT, ROTUND PAT AND BREECHES GEORGE ARE THREE WHO AREN'T KOWTOWING TO GIANTS

But Nearly All American League Players and Fans Consider Giants as Sure Bets in National League Pennant Chase

By GRANTLAND RICE

A Macedonian Yelp to Spring Come on, Old Kid, in pink and blue, Bring back your breath of rose and wine, Bring back the brassie, far and true, Bring back the triple down the line, We've drifted through the winter snow, We've floundered on with burnt-out flame, Come on, kick in and let 'er go, Come on and give us back the Game.

ON THE edge of April, the long green journey now lies just ahead.

On the National League Race

The National League race may rest in doubt, but none of this doubt is entertained by American League clubs. Without exception they all figure the Giants as their 1917 world series opponents, and few give any of the others even a look-in.

The Upside Margin

The one queer feature of this National League race is that so many believe the Giants have a good chance to be beaten just for the reason that they now look invincible.

NEWS ABOUT THE BOWLERS

In the Quaker City League series last night Manno, the leader, made 115, and the second series nineteen victories and eight defeats by winning two games from Tigers. White Kings and Pat Moran.

Rodgers, of the White Elephants, began with a 2-0 record, with scores of 159 and 202. George knocked down 204 in his first game and Knox concluded with 203. Grossman concluded with 244.

The White Elephants totaled 999 in its opening game against Majestic. The individual scores were: Rodgers, 185; Hodgers, 244; Lambert, 202; 204; and Knox, 180.

Wells was the star of the Quaker City matches with a total of 657. His games for Belmont netted 222, 233 and 217.

Radcliffe, of Wyndham Colts, rolled the best single game of any of the forty bowlers who rolled in the Quaker City League tourney last night, getting 256 in his second game. President, Edman, concluded with 223. Hylor, of the Giants, after starting with 170, finished with 218 and 223.

Terminal Vets are Keystone Section B champions. The contest last night resulted as follows: Terminal Colts beat Terminal Vets two games. Scott team won two from Activos and Managers beat Rodney Davis's squad two games.

Some splendid individual scores were registered in the Keystone Section B tourney. T. Gay of Scott totaled 234 in his final game. Earl, of Activos, started the tourney with 223. Hylor, of the Giants, after starting with 170, finished with 218 and 223.

YALE CAPTURES SWIMMING TITLE

Columbia Is Defeated for College Laurels, Despite Vollmer's Great Work

WINS THREE FIRST PLACES

PRINCETON, N. J., March 31.—Yale is the collegiate swimming champion of the season. Despite the marvelous work of Captain Vollmer, of Columbia, the Eli aquatic squad easily defeated the New York team for the championship of the Intercollegiate League by the score of 25 to 18. The two teams were deadlocked in a tie for first place at the end of the regular season, and their managements decided to hold the title contest in the Princeton pool.

NIEHOFF ON WAY SOUTH TO JOIN THE PHILLIES

DENVER, Col., March 31.—Bert Niehoff, second baseman of the Phillies, who has been holding out for more salary than was offered in his contract this year, left here to join the team in the South. Niehoff probably will meet Manager Moran and the team at Jacksonville, Fla., where they play on Monday.

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BAILEY FAVORS NEW FOUL RULE

Manager of Champions Shares View With McAvoy, Delaware College Coach

SCHEME MAY BE TRIED

Joseph L. Bailey, manager of the champion Greystock five, is heartily in favor of at least giving a trial to a new method of tossing foul balls. The throwing of foul points has always been a source of contention, and while all sorts of proposals have been advanced it has always been the general consensus of opinion that the most equitable adjustment of the matter is the rule in force in this section.

In the Pennsylvania State and Interstate Leagues the man fouled tosses the ball. When Jasper played down East the old rule used three years ago was still in force, that is for every three fouls committed the opposing side is awarded a point. This eliminates the throwing of fouls.

This Scheme Looks Good

At the banquet of basketball officers, William J. McAvoy, for eight years coach of Delaware College, suggested the elimination of the one-man method by substituting a scheme whereby the player committing the offense would toss the ball to the opponent's basket. If he makes the shot no point counts for either side, but if he misses then the team on which the foul was committed receives a point. Mr. McAvoy is of the opinion that this method would have a tendency to make play clearer and faster.

Not So Many After All

While there is questioning the fact that the crowds that witnessed the contests between the Greys and Jewels were the largest, that ever attended a series in this vicinity, the number of persons inside the Cantonment Armory was considerably less than some over-anxious writers believe.

Easterners Lost Money

The Eastern Basketball League will hold its spring meeting at the Bingham House on next Tuesday evening, when all business of the year will be completed and reserve lists of players filed. Any changes in playing rules would also receive consideration at that time.

The season was a disastrous one for the cage mogul in the Eastern Reading, Trenton, Camden, Greystock and De Nerl lost money, while Jasper quit a trifle to the good. It may sound strange to say the Greys, champions of the league, were a losing proposition, but it is a fact, and Manager Bailey attributes it to the split season, which he is against. The plot of the Churchmen is in favor of one straight schedule of forty games, and will endeavor to have it restored. The general sentiment was it proved a success.

The heaviest loser in the organization was De Nerl. The downtowners experienced the most disastrous season in their history.

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